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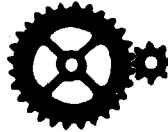
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THE AIMS AND ACTIONS OF THE ENGINEER'S COUNCIL

The work of the Engineer's Council is not commonly apparent to the students of the Engineering College. However, the new members of the Council have done some very good work so far this year, and many good ideas are about to the point of action. All the Council's work is centered about certain aims, in accordance with the fundamental college needs.

First among the Council's aims is to promote more spirit on the Engineering Quadrangle, both at the present and in the future. Dean MacQuigg, at an early meeting of the group this year, expressed his desire to promote better and closer relations between the various departments of our college, and also with those who have already been graduated. He pointed out that we lack some of the color and feeling that makes an old grad wander back to the campus regularly. The Dean would like to better the Alumni relations to such an extent that there would be more of the feeling that exists in some of the older educational institutions.

Discussion of the needs of engineers in social life is common in Council meetings. As we all know, the engineer is classed, by those who do not understand him or his work, as a roughneck. In consideration of this fact, a finger of dis-favor was pointed at the more or less traditional "Engineer's Roundup", not only by the Council, but also by the College office. While it was recognized that there was nothing wrong with the function itself, it supplied additional incentive for criticism of an engineer's sense of social enjoyment by those who misunderstand him.

To take the place of the Roundup and the miscellaneous small dances, it was decided that the Council should sponsor a good dance, to become a tradition, and to be known as the "Engineer's Prom". Sponsoring such a dance requires much work, and many busy days were spent by Council members. The dance was quite

successful, but with the approval of the engineering college as a whole, and their increased support, it is hoped that the "Annual Engineer's Prom" will become a really fine function, a highlight in the engineering student's year. This is entirely possible, but only if the idea gathers momentum, and becomes what it really should.

Much time and effort were expended investigating the possibilities of an office on the Quadrangle for the concentration of engineering activities. It is believed by the Council that if such an office were available, closer union of the various activities would result, and the engineering college as a whole could be better represented. The Council is very much aware of the fact that one of the largest colleges on the campus carries very little weight in student affairs generally.

The idea of establishing a grievance board, to which students in the college of engineering could bring their pet gripe, was considered. Several cases of supposed mis-treatment of engineers, mostly in outside colleges, have been presented to the Council. The idea met with some disfavor however, as it was deemed by some members as out of the line of duty of the Council. Another idea along this line that has made little headway as yet, is the rating of the instructors of the College by a student vote. This idea is now being carried out by some of the colleges here at the University.

As Federal and State legislation is being enacted continually to establish Engineering as a true profession, along with Medicine and Law, the council is interested in doing all in its power to promote or develop those qualities that are apparent in a professional man. If the idea could just take hold in the student body as a body, and start them thinking along these lines, then the work and ideas of the council would be much more apparent, and its scope would be enlarged. The move is definitely under way, and the Engineer's Council would like to see our campus be among the first to sense it.—B. B.